## **POST SCRIPTS**

## The official publication of Skyway VFW Post 9430 and the Auxiliary Volume XL, Issue 5 September/October 2025

#### **COMMANDER'S UPDATE**

Dear Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

This VFW year has been filled with many events already. Post events, Community Events, Adopted Unit Events, National Convention and all of our Post and Auxiliary programs for our Veterans, Family and Community. Please make sure that you turn in a list of your community service each month at the Post and Auxiliary meetings so that we can get on record all of our community service to maintain our Non-Profit status.

September and October are full of events as well, so check facebook, calendars, flyers at the Post to keep updated on all of our Post and Auxiliary events and Programs. Flyers are also on the back end of our newsletter and posted on our vfw9430.org website under news which is also where you can find this newsletter and past newsletters and guide others to check them out as well.

We have been working with one of our adopted units and helping them put together a Halloween Party Fundraiser to help them with their Military Ball expenses, so mark your calendar and come join the Soldiers and Families of the unit as they come to our Post home to raise some funds and have a good time (Costume Contest that night)

We are starting our Holiday fundraising. If you wish to make donations to the events, earmark on the check or envelope Toys for Kids, Holiday Food Baskets, School Santa Program and If you want to split your donation between them, you can do that too. There will be a collection box for Toys and one for Food at the Post home as well starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Jr Vices will talk more but we also have our Annual Kids Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat with an added Haunted Basement this year.

We have welcomed in a few new faces to our Post and Auxiliary, continue to bring in new members and their families to our Post and Auxiliary family as we look to grow into the future.

I want to congratulate two new Post Officers – Curtil Little, our newly elected Jr Vice Commander and Youth activity chairman – Rob Khmara, our newly elected Quartermaster. Looking forward to another great VFW year.

We have some schools of instruction coming up and classes for various offices, remember, there is a stipend for the Post members to attend classes and training, see me or the quartermaster for more details

Yours in Comradeship, Chad Hassebroek, Post Commander

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

So, we've got to say goodbye for the summer, but friends I promise you this, I'll send you all my news in the newsletters sealed with a hug. I'm sure you all remember the tune even though I changed some of the words, but the sentiment is the same. It's hard to say goodbye to a fun summer. We saw some new faces and made some new friends. I think this summer we've had more Sunday breakfasts in the month of July and August than we have in a long time. I know that commander Chad is a much better author than I am and goes over and has a lot more detail for things that we've done but I'll bring up the some of the fun that was had. We had our traditional luau, had a huge flea market, participated in the Renton River Days Parade, 2 karaoke nights in August and our end of the summer goodbye party, dinner, and dance. Come and visit with us at the Renton Farmers Market on September 9.

OK, there is going to be a lot happening in September and October. I cannot stress enough printing out the calendar at the end of the newsletter. I'm not going to list all the things going on but I definitely want to highlight September 11th as patriot day we will be having our program at 5:00 on the 11th before burgers. I also want to highlight September 18th Air Force Birthday 5:00 and September 19th which is our POW Mia program at 5:00 and that will also be at 5:00 and a late dinner will be served after for \$6. October of course is Oktoberfest on the 11th which also happens to be the Navy birthday, the 5-3 FA Battalion Halloween Fundraiser party will be on the 18th and the kids party on the 25th. It is all on the calendar.

Of course, we will be continuing with our Seahawk parties - first game will be on the 7th at 1:00. So come to breakfast then hang out and bring snackies for the afternoon. There are always prizes and raffles for each quarter and a big prize final score board buy in.

Last but certainly not least I want to welcome our Skyway 9430 Riders. I want to be sure and share that you do not have to own or ride a motorcycle to be a supporting member of this group. Check out their article somewhere here in the newsletter.

I hope to see you soon!

Loyally, Margie Lindberg, Post 9430 Auxiliary President

#### **POST CHAPLAIN CORNER**

\_Comrades, Families, and Supporters of VFW Post 9430,

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

#### **Proverbs 3:9-10**

As summer begins to wrap up, we must begin to embrace the fall season. Fall marks the time of the year for great changes, not just the season but for all of us personally at Post 9430. Our youth return back to school, loved ones prepare to coordinate holiday visits, and Post 9430 prepares to conduct numerous events throughout the season for our service members, our families, and our community. Please ensure you remain up to date with the Post 9430 calendar and continue to support our efforts to make the Skyway community a better place!

Sadly, the Chaplain Office is no exception to these seasonal changes. Both myself and my better half and fellow post member, Lindsay, have relocated to the sunny state of Tennessee. While we may be distant geographically, our hearts and most importantly our support, remain with you all at Post 9430.

Lastly, as we continue to unpack and settle in here, I would like to stress that the post's Chaplain Support services continue despite the distance. As always, you all can reach the Post Chaplain any time, any day for any of your needs. The Chaplain can be reached via phone/text, email, and Zoom to provide religious support and counsel. Please see any of the Post Officers for my contact information so I can best support you!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Post Chaplain for services or support!

In Comradeship, Joseph Strong – Post Chaplain

#### PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS & FAMILIES

Merciful Father, our hearts extend to the families of our veterans, whose unwavering support and sacrifices often go unseen. In the quiet moments of waiting and longing, be their source of strength. Bless them with comfort in times of separation, courage in times of uncertainty, and the knowledge that their sacrifices are valued and appreciated.

May they find solace in the bonds of love that tie them to their veteran, and may their own sacrifices be recognized as an integral part of our nation's tapestry. Surround them with Your grace, and let them feel the warmth of our gratitude. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### Sr Vice Report

Membership for the Post is at 95% keep working on getting new members and their families into our Post and Auxiliary.

I will be making phone calls to our unpaid annual members and reaching out to them to bring them back into being involved with us again.

If anyone wants to join me on the phone tree you can contact me, my number is on the back of the newsletter. Let us commit to growing our membership this year and everyone bring in a new member.

Jesus Alvarez – Post Sr Vice Commander

#### ADJUTANT REPORT

Post Held elections on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and elected unanimously the following officers:

Post Jr Vice Commander: Curtis Little

Post Quartermaster: Rob Khmara

Post Dates to remember are updated monthly and placed around the Post and calendars are available in the newsletter and on our vfw9430.org website. You can also find Post events on the Skyway VFW Facebook page

Rob Kmara – Post Adjutant/Quartermaster

#### **HOUSE & CLUB REPORT**

The Post is in good shape. Let us know if you notice anything that needs attention.

Hall rentals are available in our downstairs hall. There is plenty of room for a large party, wedding, celebration of life. Please contact the bar manager for information. Members will receive a discount.

Sincerely, Steve Scheeler -- 206-963-3516, House & Club Chairman

Post Scripts is the official means of notification to the membership and notices in Post Scripts fulfills the notification requirements of Article II, Sections 203; 206; and 220; of the National By-Laws

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#### KITCHEN REPORT

The Auxiliary is restarting their breakfast on Sunday, September 7 and all first Sundays until May. Our menu will include eggs to order, hash browns, toast or pancakes, choice of ham or sausage, coffee, orange juice and a breakfast special for \$10. The Auxiliary will also have a bake sale.

The Auxiliary dinner for September 13 will be Pork roast and all the fixings. The cost is \$15 in advance \$17 without reservations. Please make your reservations soon. The Post will hold their monthly dinner in October on the 11. It will be Octoberfest.

Bar Pancake breakfast on Sept 14, \$6 will feature the Seahawks vs Steelers. Game starts at 10. The Riders' group will hold their omelet breakfast on the 21<sup>st</sup>, \$10. All breakfasts are 9-11. Santa pancake breakfast October 12 \$6 featuring the Seahawks vs Jacksonville. October 19 we will hold an Casserole breakfast to raise funds for the food baskets \$6.

Don't forget we have a light dinner on Friday's at 5:00 cooked by members of the Post and Auxiliary. Stay after dinner for games. Bunco on the second Friday.

Thursday continues to be hamburger night. Served from 5:30-6:30. Meal is only \$7 and includes a third pound burger, choice of cheese, bacon, grilled onions, lettuce, tomatoes, potato salad, chips and a cookie. The best full meal deal in the city.

As usual we are looking for kitchen volunteers, once or regularly.

**CRAFT FAIR:** Sponsored by the Auxiliary will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20 of October from 10-3. Tables are available for rent, \$20. Contact Cheryl 206-300-0533.

Seahawks games will be televised at the Post. Pot luck if no breakfast is served. Join your friends, raffles and other games available.

Cheryl Scheeler-Kitchen Coordinator 206-300-0533

#### JR VICE - YOUTH ACTIVITY UPDATE

We were busy with our Safety Fair booth and then our End of Summer post party with cookie decorating, arts and crafts, and games for the kids and we also had Blessed Electrical with their bubble machines and giving out school supplies.

Halloween is coming up fast, so we are in need of lots of candy and also mark your calendar to help make some cakes for the Monster Cake walk at the kid's Halloween Party.

We are always looking for items for our kids area for all ages.

-Chris Little/Emma Hassebroek - Post /Auxiliary Jr Vice and Youth Activities Chairman

## AUXILIARY 9430 VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT CHAIRMAN REPORT

The Commander and I attended the dedication of a monument on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Battle of Okinawa at JBLM with Harvey J Drajos, 102 years old hosted by MJ Scmidt, 7ID Commander. What an amazing speaker, he recalled from high school to joining the Army and the Battle of Okinawa. You can find part of his speech from the event on our facebook page.

I coordinated a visit with the State Commander Drew James to attend with myself and the Post Commander, events at JBLM with out adopted unit during the "Week of the Bayonet" the State Commander got to meet Soldiers and the Command team from one of our adopted units, he even recruited a couple new members into the VFW that day from the other unit "Tomahawk" at the event.

We are getting ready for Halloween season with our Adopted unit Trunk or Treat events, if you are able, please drop off bags of candy at the Post home and mark them JBLM Trunk or Treat. Thank you. I am hoping that we will get our MAP Grants again this year for Halloween and Christmas Events with our adopted units.

We are taking 80 Soldiers to the Thunderbird Veterans Day hockey game on Nov 8.

I am working with the units to get the names for the Thanksgiving basket families, there will be a food basket donation box at the front door and donations are being accepted for the Food Basket program and mailed or brought to the Post for the Quartermaster. There will be more information in the next newsletter on program details.

Come and join 5-3 Field Artillery Soldiers and their families as they come to our Post to do a fundraising dinner with raffles, small auction, costume contest and more. They are raising funds for their Unit Ball.

Looking forward to the 2025-2026 program year!

Emma Hassebroek – Auxiliary 9430 Veterans and Family Support Chairman

#### **VFW RIDERS CHAPTER 4 NEWS**

We signed and received our Charter at the August event and did our first official ride. We are learning and growing as we go. If you ride, come join us, if you want to support, come join us. We truly are just a group of veterans, family members and friends that like to ride and support riders as we support VFW and Auxiliary veterans, family, and community programs. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 6 PM. Watch for flyers — we are working on some poker and casino nights at the Post.

In Comradeship Rob Khmara – WA VFW Riders Chapter 4 President

#### <u>CANTEEN CORNER</u> <u>SHERI JO TOPPING---CLUB MANAGER</u>

Post Home Open Hours will be as follows:

Mondays Post Home Closed (Unless special event) Tuesdays 7:00-10:00 PM Canteen Service Available Wednesdays Closed

(1st Wed of Month Open from 6-9 PM with limited Canteen services before and after meeting)

**Thursdays** 4-8 PM Canteen Service Available with Burgers from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

**Fridays 4**-9 PM Canteen Service Available with \$6.00 Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 PM (unless special event)

Saturdays with no event 2-6 PM

(watch flyers and FB Posts for Special Events)

**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May is Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale from 9-11:30 (June July August will be \$6 Pancake Breakfasts(no canteen service) other Sunday's closed (watch flyers and FB Posts for Special Events)

We still have our Shake a Day to split if a 5 of a kind is rolled. The split goes to the building fund and the roller. The dice have been on fire lately and given away several prizes for the 4 of a kind. It is only a matter of time before that 5<sup>th</sup> one decides to fall into place. Who will be the winner???

We are also doing our monthly raffles with the first winner in May being Lance McDermott for the Seahawk basket and the Patriotic Basket in June went to Trish. Our July Basket tickets are already on sale, don't miss out on this Mariner fan basket.

We have added a small snack menu to the bar. We would like to see if anyone has any suggestions as to what other items we should add. You can let Trish, Dwayne, or I know while you are visiting or just give me a call.

If you have a party planned and need a space, you can use our space. Members have the option of using our Post Home upstairs, as well as renting the hall downstairs. Call me for more details.

#### Reminder for you

Thusday Night Best \$7.00 burgers in the State Friday Night we have \$6.00 meal and game night 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday is Bunco

(If 5 Fridays, 4<sup>th</sup> Friday is Karaoke and Potluck no \$6 meal) We have a monthly basket raffle, \$2 a ticket or 6 for \$10. Basket is already on display and ticket sales started. Drawing will be on the Last Thursday of the Month at 6 PM.

The bar is dong a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the bills on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am.

I am looking to start some Saturday afternoon Tournaments, Like Cribbage, Corn Hole or if you have one you would like see, let me know. We want to bring family and friends together doing things they enjoy!

Sheri Jo – Canteen Manager 760-310-7605

July 2 Post and Auxiliary Joint Meeting for Awards



Congratulations to the Auxiliary on all of the awards that they received this year. Our Auxiliary works tirelessly supporting our Post missions and our veterans and families. It was great seeing them achieve so many Department and National Awards. Post 9430 was recognized by National as a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Post.



#### July 5 Karaoke and Birthday Party



Thank you all for celebrating your birthdays at Post 9430 on Karaoke Night! Cupcakes and a candle for all!

#### **Roger Baker Military Honors at Tahoma**



Family and Friends came for military honors to our WWII USS Laffey Navy Veteran Roger Baker at Tahoma National Cemetery

#### Roger Baker VFW Tribute and Celebration of Life





Members of Post 9430 and Auxiliary performed the VFW Tribute for Roger Baker at Post 9430 Celebration of Life. Thank you to the team for performing this service at the start of Roger's Celebration of Life

#### **Riders Chapter 4 First Meeting**



Not many pictures from this historic night, but we had 9 present for our first meeting. President Rob presented Vice President Chad his cut. It is all about fun, supporting and helping veterans – and we ride!

May 7 Post and Auxiliary Joint Installation and Potluck



I had the honor of representing the State Commander at the District 9 Annual Picnic and Awards Presentation. State President Robin and I presented State Level Post and District Awards earned by District 9 members and leadership for their accomplishments in the 2024-2025 Year. It was truly an honor to be there on behalf of the Department Commander.

State Chaplain of the Year 2022-2023 Award



State Commander Drew James sent me to Chewelah WA to present Shane Moffit 2022-23 Chaplain of the Year

#### State Quartermaster of the Year 2022-2023 Award



State Commander sent me to Chewelah WA to present Ben Paramore 2024-25 Quartermaster of the Year

#### State Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2024-2025



State Commander sent me to Chewelah WA to present Adam Kowal 2024-25 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

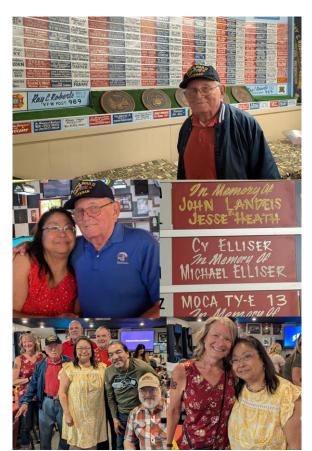


Congratulations to the award recipients. It was an honor to represent the State Commander along with the Auxiliary President to present these awards for the outstanding service they give to Veterans, Families and their communities!

#### **Short Surprise visits to Washington-Blasts from the Past**



Mel's Daughters Shawna and Jennifer popped into our area unfortunately it was on a day the post was closed to we went to Jimmy Macs for a visit and they say "Hi" to Everyone!



Our long time Post 9430 Accountant Cy Elliser made a trip back to Washington to visit his grandkids and we got to visit him at his Post home in Tacoma 969. I miss him doing our taxes!

**Renton River Days Parade with Troop 419** 



Thank you Chuck, for your truck and the great flag stands



Thank you to everyone who showed up to walk in the parade with our Scout Troop. It was a great turn out this year by Post 9430, Auxiliary, and Chapter 4 Riders







Again, can't thank everyone enough for coming out and hanging out with our Scout Troop at this event they loved it!

#### **JBLM Volunteer Award**



Chad Hassebroek and Emma Hassebroek received outstanding Volunteer Award Certificate of Achievements from Joint Base Lewis McChord for the years and hours of supporting Soldiers and Families of JBLM. Presented by the 2-17 FA Commander on behalf of MG Schmidt

**State Commander Adopted Unit Visit** 



Emma and I had the honor of introducing the Department Commander Drew James to our Adopted Unit Command Team, visit wouldn't have been complete without a Commander Coining Ceremony.



Checking out the equipment and Artillery at the Adopted unit "Week of the Bayonet" event





It was a fun day checking out all of the static displays the units had to show to the families and guests that came to the event. Thank you, Emma for setting up this visit to the event and coordinating with the VFW State Commander to also be able to come see "a Post and Auxiliary in Action with their adopted unit" and also get to talk to Soldiers and Families about what their needs and concerns are that we can be involved in.

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Okinawa





#### Mr. Harvey J. Drahos

Born on January 5, 1923, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mi Drahos grew up attending a humble one-room schoolhouse with no plumbing and little heat — a childhood that instilled in him the values of perseverance and determination.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 24, 1943, at Camp Roberts, California, where he earned the designation of Expert Rifleman. Serving with the 96th Infantry Division, 382nd Infantry Regiment, 5 Company, he was assigned to the Pacific Theatre during World War II.



His wartime service was marked by extraordinary bravery. He participated in the invasion and Battle of Okinawa beginning on April 1, 1945, and was part of the Leyte Campaign in the Philippines, serving under General Douglas MacArthur. He is notably the last living member of his military unit.

On April 6, 1945, he was wounded in action during the Battle of Okinawa — sustaining shrapnel wounds, a traumatic brain injury, and hearing loss. Despite these injuries, he made a profound pledge: that if he survived, he would dedicate his life to helping others. He has fulfilled that promise countless times over.

Mr. Drahos was honorably discharged on February 7, 1946, as a Technician 5th Grade.

Decades later, in a heartfelt recognition of his sacrifices, he was awarded the Purple Heart by Lieutenant General Xavier Brunson, Commanding General of I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, on September 30, 2023 — 78 years after his wounds were sustained.

Mr. Drahos served with honor, earning numerous awards including the Bronze Star, WWII Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Army Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, WWII Honorable Service Button, Purple Heart, and the Congressional Gold Medal.







## History of the 7th Infantry Division at the Battle of Okinawa

The Battle of Okinawa, fought from April 1 to June 22, 1945, was one of the largest and bloodiest campaigns in the Pacific Theater of World War II. It marked a pivotal point in the Allied effort to defeat Japan and was characterized by interese combat, kamikaze attacks, and significant casualities on both sides. Among the numerous units involved, the 7th Infantry Division of the United States Army played a notable role in the island's battle for victory and strategic control.

The 7th Infantry Division, known as the "Hourglass Division" due to its Insignia, was activated in 1917 and had a storied history of combat in Europe during World War I and in subsequent conflicts. By the time of the Okinawa campaign, the division was a seasoned unit, part of the Tenth Army, which was responsible for the assault and occupation of Okinawa. The division was deployed to the island as part of the broader Allied strategy to secure a foothold close to Japan and prepare for an eventual invasion of the Japanese mainland.

During the Battle of Okinawa, the 7th Infantry Division was tasked with securing key objectives, including strategic terrain, roadways, and defensive positions. The division faced fierce resistance from Japanese forces, including entrenched infantry, artillery positions, and kamikaze attacks aimed at sinking Allied ships and damaging landing forces. The division engaged in relentless combat, often fighting house-to-house and jungle warfare, which characterized the Okinawan campaign.

The battle was extraordinarily costly for the 7th Infantry Division. Overall, the Battle of Okinawa resulted in approximately 50,000 American casualttes, including around 12,000 killed in action. The Bayonet Division suffered 9,212 casualties, including 2.340 killed in action.

In terms of operational impact, the division was instrumental in capturing and holding critical positions, contributing to the eventual Allied victory. The intense combat and high casualty rates underscored the brutal nature of the Okinawa campaign, which is often cited as a sobering preview of the potential human cost of invading Japan itself.

The contribution of the 7th Infantry Division in Okinawa exemplified the resilience and combat effectiveness of U.S. Army units during one of the war's fiercest battles. The campaign demonstrated the importance of combined arms operations and the need for extensive preparation in amphibious assaults. The high casualties sustained by units like the 7th Infantry Division also influenced strategic developments in the post-war period, including the development of atomic weapons and the eventual surrender of Japan.

The 7th Infantry Division's participation in the Battle of Okinawa was marked by bravery, resilience, and significant sacrifice. As part of the larger Allied effort, the division contributed to turning the tide in the Pacific Theater and paved the way for the end of World War II in the Pacific. The sacrifices made by the Soldiers of the 7th Infantry Division remain a testament to their service and the high cost of victory in one of history's most brutal battles.



Post Commander Chad Hassebroek and Auxiliary Jr Vice President Emma Hassebroek from Post 9430 and Auxiliary were among the distinguished guests invited to attend this historic ceremony at JBLM

80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Okinawa



The unveiling ceremony for the monument was spectacular. Being there with the 102 year old veteran of the Battle of Okinawa and many past General Officers of the 7<sup>th</sup> ID for this was incredible to be a part of.



Shaking the hand of Harvey J Drajos and thanking him for his service to our Nation was truly an honor!



Thank you, MG Schmidt for inviting us to be a part of this historic event

#### **VFW and Auxiliary National Convention**



National Convention Is...Coming together again with Past Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento and his wife, showing around first time attendees, and meeting up with past friends from past conventions

**VFW and Auxiliary National Convention** 







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This year was one for the books, it was definitely a historic convention. As you see above, our Auxiliary President Margie Lindberg 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Outstanding Performance Award Hospital!







Thank you, Chad Emma Margie Carlos for doing the booth and putting out safety information to Skyway families

## I can say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America



#### I can say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United **States of America**



Each one that could say the Pledge of Allegiance received an American Flag and a Young American Award

#### **End of Summer Karaoke Night**



Karaoke Night was so much fun, we didn't get more pictures

Rider Chapter 4 Charter Presentation and First Official Ride





Rider Chapter 4 Charter Presentation and First Official Ride



Thank you ADG MC members and supporters that came to support this event and thank you Scout for your mentorship and assistance in putting together our first ride. We didn't get pictures of the ride or stops this time, but will make sure we do for the next one!

**End of Summer Open House** 



Lots of kids activities and we even had a bikini contest, you had to be there!

**End of Summer Open House** 



Thank you to the venders and to Blessed Electrical for the bubbles and school supplies

**Riders Chapter 4 Omelet Breakfast** 



If you haven't been to the Riders Chapter 4 Omelet Breakfast, you are missing out big time, come join us at the next on! We don't disappoint!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS-**

#### **SEAHAWK VIEWING SEPTEMBER DATES**



Share this with your Friends and Family

Post 9430 Website vfw9430.org QR Code





Join us for Seahawk Football Games and Prizes each quarter



Welcome Back Auxiliary!

# **SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 ★PATRIOT DAY**★



THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2001



#### PROGRAM AND BURGERS

FIREFIGHTERS







CIVILIANS

Never Forget - 9/11/2001

MILITARY

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

#### REMEMBERING OUR LOSS AND HONORING THE HEROES

Program is on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at Skyway VFW Post 9430 at 7421 S 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Skyway WA 98178. Doors open at 4:00 PM Program begins at 5:00 PM. Thursday Night Burgers following the program

SKYWAY POST CANTEEN
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
\$6.00
SUNDAY---SUNDAY

## September 14, 2025 9 TO 11:00 AM



JOIN our CLUB MANAGER FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UTILITY BILLS

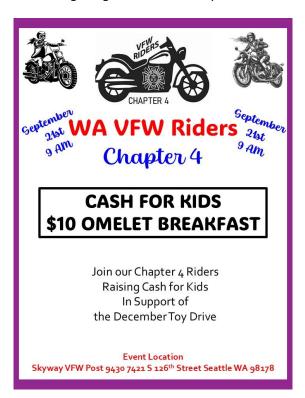




Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 PM ONLY \$7.00 FULL MEAL DEAL!



5PM Burger Night Airforce Birthday Celebration



## **Eddie Pierce**

### VFW AUXILIARY MEMORIAL RITUAL

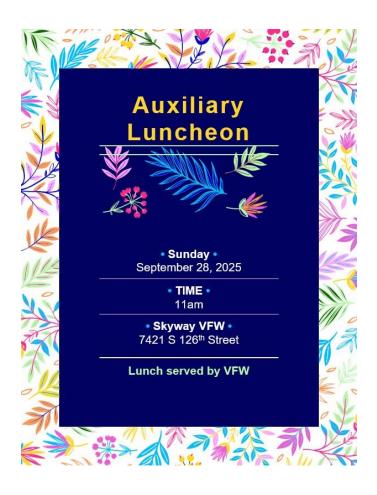






2:00 PM Followed by Karaoke

Please join us as we honor and remember VFW Auxiliary 9430 Life Member and Long time Supporter at Skyway VFW Post 9430 on April 6, 2024.



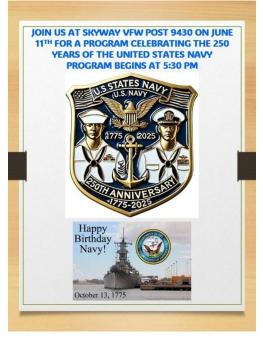


SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 AUXILIARY
BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BAKE SALE
\$10.00
SUNDAY---SUNDAY---SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025
9 TO 21:00 AM

JOIN OUR AUXILIARY
FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST AND A BAKE SALE
TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE AUXILIARY VETERANS PROGRAMS

















Bunco is 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Each Month

Watch Facebook and Website for Updates on events Flyers at the Post Home

Please assist in any way you can with our Post and Auxiliary events. We are always looking for volunteers, we are always looking for attendees, and we are always looking forward to SEEING YOU!



We are seeking VFW members, VFW Auxiliary members, combat veterans, veterans, active duty military personnel, family members, friends, first responders, and dedicated supporters who share a passion for riding, camaraderie, and making a difference. Join us in supporting our military, veterans, their families, and our community.

The VFW Riders Group is dedicated to supporing the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Auxiliary by enhancing public awareness of the VFW, its programs, and the National Home. Through community service, participation in veteran support events, and responsible motorcycling, we proudly represent the values and mission of the VFW.

Our group consists of VFW Post and Auxiliary members in good standing, as well as non-members who serve as support personnel. We are a family-oriented community of riders who share a passion for motorcycling and a deep commitment to serving our active military, veterans, and our community.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**2025-2026 COMPETITION** 

## PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY Post 9430



"VFW made it possible for me to go to college."

- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

**OCTOBER 31, 2025** 

### **PATRIOT'S PEN**

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.



bit.ly/3W6QbTb



bit.ly/4f5UEOo

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
   This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000

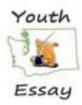




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## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON







#### Official Entry Form Youth Essay Program Grades 3-4-5 2025 - 2026

THEME: "How I Respect the American Flag"

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count: \_\_\_\_ Date Due to Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary: October 31st PLEASE NOTE: This entry form must be completely filled out and accompany the essay. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE: Students Name: Phone Number: Address: Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: Parent or Guardian Signature: To be completed by a person instructing student Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_\_location \_\_\_\_\_ Address of School or Home \_\_\_\_\_ To be completed by Post/Auxiliary Name & Number of Sponsoring Post/ Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address: Chairman's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE POST/AUXILIARY LEVEL

Disclaimer Notice:

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# Veterans of Foreign Wars and Its Auxiliary Department of Washington State Youth Essay Program Rules and Regulations Grades 3-4-5

- Participants must compose their own essay.
- The essay must be clearly handwritten, typed or computer prepared.
- Judging will be under the guidance set by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Judging will include 30 points for addressing the theme, 30 points for clarity of Ideas, 40 points for Theme Development.
- 4. Since this program is completely voluntary, a student does not have to go through his/her school to participate. Any student from any school in the State of Washington may enter the program by contacting a local Post or Auxiliary for rules and Official Entry form. Home Schooled students are also eligible.
- A copy of the Official Entry form must accompany the essay. All sections of the official entry form MUST be completed at the Post/Auxiliary level. Entry forms MUST be signed by a parent.
- All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Washington. <u>If copies are desired</u>, you must make your own. <u>Chairman will not return</u> essays.
- Contest begins at the start of the school year.
- Length: Not to exceed 250 words.
- Student's Name, City, or School MUST NOT be on the essay, only on the entry form.
- Essay must stay within the prescribed subject matter and there can be NO added color or artwork.
- Essay written in poem form will not be accepted.
- The Post or Auxiliary sponsoring the school MUST do the judging at the local level.

### Essays due to local Post/Auxiliary by: October 31st

Any Essay not **received** by the deadline **will not** be accepted.

Please submit 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 5<sup>th</sup> grade to your District for judging by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### September 2025

Fall Hours: Sunday closed unless Special Event; Monday temporarily closed; Tuesday 7:00-10pm; Wednesday closed (1st Wed open 6-9pm);

Thursday 4-8pm; Friday 4-9pm; Saturday 2-6pm no event; 1st Saturday 4-9pm (watch for flyers & FB posts for Special Events)

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY              | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                     | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|---|---------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
|   | 1<br>Labor Day      | <b>2</b> Japan surrender For                       | 3<br>Post/Auxiliary<br>Installation 7 PM      | 4<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM                                     | 5<br>Friday Night \$6 Dinner<br>and Game Night   | 6<br>State School of<br>Instruction in Yakima                                     |
| 7 Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale 9-11 am \$10 Seahawks 1PM       | 8<br>Post<br>Closed | 9 Famers Market Patriot Day 9-11 Remembrance Booth | Post<br>Closed                                | Patriot Day 9-11 Post<br>Program 5 PM<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM | 12<br>Bunco Night 5PM<br>Margie Dinner \$6   | Dist 11 SOI and Lunch\$10  Auxiliary Dinner \$15 6 PM Lauren Petri 6:30 – 8:30 PM |
| Bar Breakfast 9-11 am Seahawks 10 AM                                | Post<br>Closed      | Scout Meeting 7:15 PM                              | Post Closed House and Club 6 PM Officers 7 PM | 18 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM Air Force 78 <sup>th</sup> Birthday 5 PM | 19 Kanoga 5:30 PM Cheryl Dinner \$6 Flea Market set up 4pm VFW Riders Chapter 4 Meeting 6 PM | 20  |
| VFW Riders Chapter 4 Omelet breakfast Fundraiser \$10 Seahawks 1 PM | Post<br>Closed      | 23   | Post<br>Closed                                | 25 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM Seahawks 5 PM                            | <b>26</b> Game Night Shirley Dinner \$6  | 27<br>Eddie Pierce<br>Celebration of Life<br>2PM with Karaoke                     |
| <b>28</b> Auxiliary Membership Luncheon 11 am                       | Post<br>Closed      | 30   |   |   |  |   |

### October 2025

Winter Hours: Sunday closed unless Special Event; Monday temporarily closed; Tuesday 7:00-10pm; Wednesday closed (1st Wed open 6-9pm);

Thursday 4-8pm; Friday 2-9pm; Saturday 2-6pm no event; 1st Saturday 4-9pm (watch for flyers & FB posts for Special Events)

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY              | WEDNESDAY                                     | THURSDAY                                    | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|---|
|  |                          |                      | 1 Post and Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM             | 2<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM     | 3<br>Game Night 5PM<br>Tricia Lynn Dinner \$6              | 4<br>No Karaoke<br>Hunters Ball at Rainier<br>Beach VFW   |
| 5 Auxiliary Breakfast<br>and Bake Sale 9-11 am<br>\$10<br>Seahawks 1 PM  | Post<br>Closed           | 7<br>Scouts 7:15 PM  | 8<br>Post<br>Closed                           | 9<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM     | 10<br>Bunco 5:30 PM<br>Margie Dinner \$6                   | 11<br>Oktoberfest Post<br>Dinner Night 6 PM<br>Laurn Petri 6:30-8:30<br>NAVY 250 <sup>th</sup> Bday                           |
| Santa Pancake Breakfast \$6 9 – 11 am Seahawks 10 AM   | Post Closed Columbus Day | 14                   | Post Closed House and Club 6 PM Officers 7 PM | 16<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM    | 17<br>Kanoga 5:30 PM<br>Cheryl Dinner \$6                  | 18 5:00 PM 5-3 FA Bn<br>Halloween Fundraiser<br>Dinner and Halloween<br>Costume Contest and<br>Karaoke<br>10am-3pm Aux Bazaar |
| 19 Post Food Basket Casserole Breakfast \$6 9am – 11 am QM/Trustee Training Everett WA 10 AM 10am-3pm Aux Bazaar | 20<br>Seahawks 5:30 PM   | 21<br>Scouts 7:15 PM | Post<br>Closed                                | 23<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM    | 24 Karaoke with Chad and Robert 4 PM Potluck               | 25<br>Kids Halloween Party<br>1-5 PM  |
| 26 VFW Riders<br>Chapter 4 Omelet<br>breakfast Fundraiser<br>\$10<br>QM/Trustee Training<br>Olympia WA 10 AM     | Post<br>Closed           | 28                   | 29  | 30<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM    | 31<br>Game Night<br>Shirley Dinner \$6                     | Nov 1  Karaoke and Potluck 4 PM   |
| Nov 2 Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale 9-11 am \$10 Seahawks 5 PM QM/Trustee Training Yakima WA 10 AM           | Nov 3 Post Closed        | Nov 4 Scouts 7:15 PM | Nov 5  Post and Auxiliary  Meeting 7 PM       | Nov 6<br>Burger Meal \$7<br>5:30 to 6:30 PM | Nov 7 Game Night Tricia Lynn Dinner \$6 Western Conference | Nov 8  Auxiliary Turkey Dinner and Lauren Petri 6:30 to 8:30 PM Western Conference  |

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### September/Octobert 2025

#### Honor - Courage - Virtue

"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty –

never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense." – Winston Churchill

#### 2025 - 2026 POST & AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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#### ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

"On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind." – **Dan Lipinski** 

#### God bless our troops and keep them safe!

WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES